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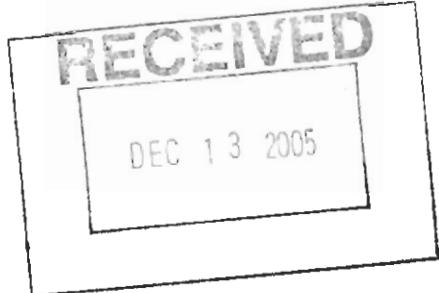
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The Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.
United States District Court
844 N. King Street
Lock Box 27
Wilmington, DE 19801

**Re: Brooks-McCollum v. State Farm
Civil Action No. 04-419 JJF**

Dear Judge Farnan:

The plaintiff has recently filed a motion to compel a settlement. It is my understanding that the plaintiff and Ed Kafader who represents defendants in other cases entered into a global settlement of all cases filed by Ms. Brooks-McCollum. I was notified by Mr. Kafader of the settlement although I had no involvement in the discussion concerning the settlement nor the terms of the settlement.

Apparently there appears to be a misunderstanding and Mrs. Brooks-McCollum has indicated that there is no settlement and further that she wants the court to enforce the settlement.

I would ask that the court hold a conference with Ms. Brooks-McCollum, Mr. Kafader and me in order to determine the status of the settlement. There may simply be a misunderstanding concerning the terms of the release which may be resolved at a court conference. On the other hand, if there is a fundamental dispute and there is no settlement the court could give us some guidance on how to proceed in this matter.

Respectfully yours,



Stephen P. Casarino

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cc: Edward F. Kafader, Esquire
Cathy Brooks-McCollum